

Application No. 10/521,527  
Response to Office Action  
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Attached hereto is a "Revised Preliminary Amendment" which is identical to the Preliminary Amendment with which this application was filed except that the status indicator for claim 1 was changed to "original". All other status identifiers are correct.

Applicants filed this application with 12 claims (claims 1-12), as is evidenced by the Preliminary Amendment on file and the filing receipt dated September 7, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto. The last document in the undersigned's file regarding this application is the filing receipt, which was dated September 7, 2005 and received by the undersigned on September 15, 2005.

The undersigned carefully reviewed the file and was unable to locate any Amendment dated or filed on or about October 27, 2005. Moreover, the undersigned cannot recall having prepared and/or filed such an Amendment. Further, there is no indication anywhere in the file that any claim other than claims 1-12 are pending. The undersigned cannot recall ever having filed an Amendment submitting claims 13-31.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the attached Revised Preliminary Amendment fully responds to the above-referenced Office Action. If in fact claims 13-31 are pending in this application, applicants request that the undersigned be furnished with a copy of the Amendment with which the claims were added so that proper action with regard thereto can be taken.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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